

# U.S. WILL HUNT BERGDOLL'S POT OF BURIED GOLD

Federal Picks and Shovels Will Soon Ring Out in Search for Draft Dodger's Treasure.

OFFICIALS OBTAIN CHART Alien Property Custodian and Justice Dept. Will Bend Every Effort to Find Cache.

With picks and shovels instead of pistols and handcuffs, Uncle Sam is getting ready to collect the estate of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll.

Chasing the golden fleece with miners' tools, maps of the Maryland countryside and a hunch that will not be denied, the Government will soon risk several odd thousand doubloons in a junket brought about by a jokester-slacker.

After the fashion of Robt. Louis Stevenson's famous fictionalized expedition which set out in quest of the center of underground attraction on Treasure Island, a Government expedition will soon start on an organized hunt for Bergdoll's alleged hidden \$150,000.

Believe They Have Chart. Department of Justice gold-diggers believe they have the true chart to the end of Bergdoll's rainbow—somewhere in Maryland—where, in a woodland patch, is buried a pot of gold.

Late prisoner No. 8978, the name of the man without a country which stands registered at Castle William, is gadding about Germany, seemingly forgetful of the \$150,000 in gold he said he left cached, when he ducked the leave from his voluntary abode.

It may be that the dishonorably discharged draft dodger is smiling over the fact that the United States Alien Property Custodian, Thomas W. Miller, is bent on an official search for gold that never was.

He may be as uninterested in what the U. S. Government is endeavoring to do as he was uninterested in the brief story contained in the newspapers of the past week, telling of the burial, with high honors, of the man who took the German bullet which would have been his had he played the man.

If It's There, Good-by. But in case the fancifully embroidered yarn upon which Bergdoll won his freedom—physical if not mental—should be the real thing, he can quite appropriately forget his gold. And for good reason.

If the gold is where the Department of Justice has a hunch it is, Bergdoll can cross off his Maryland cache as a defunct item, for the Alien Property Custodian is going after Bergdoll's property with a vim.

Tough luck, too, for Bergdoll. The \$150,000 he is reported to have buried will be worth approximately \$200,000 if it is found. Here at least is a case of the buried talents piling up the next thing to interest the newspapers in the buying power of the dollar since Bergdoll planted his gold will add one-third more to the value, if Uncle Sam succeeds in unearthing it.

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## Harding Asked to Give Russia Balance of Loan

Bernstein, After Study of Situation, Urges Rail Repairs to Make Relief Permanent.

Herman Bernstein, who has just returned from a tour of central Europe for the Hearst newspapers, has sent the following letter to President Harding on Russia:

SHEFFIELD, Mass., Sept. 14, 1921. Dear Mr. President: I take the liberty of addressing to you a suggestion in connection with a matter which should be of the deepest concern to the whole world—the Russian catastrophe, which has no parallel in history. It is quite clear that now is not the time to scrutinize the causes of the catastrophe, but to give generous, immediate and adequate relief.

America's response through the American Relief Association was noble and prompt. But the catastrophe is so enormous that this relief alone may prove inadequate to avert the death harvest in Russia and avert a still greater calamity next year.

Relief Measures Suggested. I therefore take the liberty of making the following suggestions:

1. That in addition to the American Relief Workers in Russia, a special commission of the best American railway experts be sent to Russia without delay to help restore the crippled transportation system, for unless that is done, the relief cannot be distributed properly. Besides, as long as the railroads in Russia remain in a dilapidated condition, the famine will become a chronic calamity, growing even more acute, notwithstanding all outside relief.

2. I understand that there is in this country a large fund of many millions of dollars left over from the loan made by our Government to Russia in 1917. The Kerensky government did not receive that money, and the Russian "Ambassador," who has since then represented a number of governments, has been recognized by the United States, is in charge of the balance of these funds.

I beg to suggest that you take the necessary measures to have this fund diverted to the Russian people in the hour of their direst need. Without raising the question of political recognition, we cannot help recognizing the grim fact of the famine that is devastating the Russian people, and this, I believe, intended for the Russian people, can be made to save hundreds of thousands of human beings from starvation. It should be sent as a gift to the Russian people from the American people, for the starving Russian people are the same people that even under the tyranny of the Czars gave to the world Tolstoy, Turgenev and Dostoevsky; Metchnikov, Pavlov, Mendeleev and Kropotkin, Repin and Antokolsky, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky, Korsakov, and Rubinstein.

Gratitude Assured. The Russian people will surely remember America's generous response, and when they come to themselves they will know how to manifest their gratitude.

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## Uses Beanpole To Pick Pockets Of Dozing Man

ELKINS, W. Va., Sept. 16. EXPERIENCED pickpockets usually depend upon the dexterity of their fingers, but one here has introduced a novelty. He uses a long bean pole with two expertly placed nails in one end.

Arnold White, of Job, W. Va., was relieved of \$80 in cash and a gold watch valued at \$40. It happened after White went to bed and was dozing. The pickpocket took a ladder, climbed to the second story window, thrust in his pole and extracted the cash and the watch from White's trousers pockets.

Famine Forecast in December. Last December, I published an article in the most widely read group of American newspapers (the Hearst newspapers), in which I called attention to the approach of the unprecedented famine in Russia that would affect millions of people. I pointed out that occasion some of the provinces that would suffer most.

A noted Russian editor and publicist sent me recently the following striking estimate of the Russian catastrophe and its effect upon the world:

"No matter what is being written about Russia, however graphically that it is impossible to get a real conception of what is actually going on there. Upon the burnt and withered fields death will reap an unprecedented harvest and there will be many, who, in their despair, will end in suicide. But, however, gloomy this picture is, it is still more dreadful to think of those who will survive."

"What is even more important that the scope of the relief is the degree of sympathy which the world will show Russia. It is essential to impress the people there that they have not been abandoned to their cruel fate that there is genuine compassion for their misfortune, that they are not forsaken and neglected. Otherwise the common human language will be forgotten for a long time to come and the poisonous feelings which have been nourished by the cruel struggle for a hungry existence in Russia will shake the rest and peace of the world for many years to come."

"With high esteem, I am, very sincerely, HERMAN BERNSTEIN.

BOY ON HORSE TOURING COUNTRY TO WIN PRIZE

GENEVA, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Andrew J. Abell, Jr., eighteen-year-old high school graduate, of San Francisco, recently rode into this city astride a horse and accompanied by his dog, Grit. To obtain a complete education Abell is attempting the feat of visiting every State capital in the United States within a year. His only conveyance must be a horse. He left San Francisco on March 1.

Abell says a Western philanthropist made him the proposition, which he is now well on his way to achieve. If he succeeds he can choose any college or university in the world in which to polish off the rudiments gained in the lower grades of learning. The philanthropist, Abell said, would pay the bills. Abell left here destined for New England capital cities.

Four Mosby Men Meet. CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Sept. 17.—Four of Col. John B. Mosby's survivors recently held a day's reunion at the home of H. P. Keyser, at Dawsonville. The other three were R. E. (Sam) Dawson, living nearby, and Charles Danne and C. W. Crawford, of Trevilians, Louisa county. The day was spent in talking over civil war incidents, and there was a good dinner and a great watermelon feast just before the parting.

## FEAR TRAINING OF YOUTH MEANS WAR

National Physical Culture Law Believed Merely Substitute for Service Law.

BERLIN, Sept. 17.—Pacifists believe the old war-making crowd is trying to train German youth for a new "Krieg" through compulsory physical culture.

The draft of a law which the national committee for physical culture has made had led them to believe this law would merely be a substitute for the compulsory service law, now dead.

This draft provides that children shall be trained throughout their school years until they become of age, and that no one shall have papers for working positions unless he can prove he has fulfilled the necessary training.

The Versailles treaty provides against organization of societies for war-training.

The pacifists contend this new law would not only serve to uphold the old war-making crowd but would place restrictions on the freedom with which a workman could get a position. On the other hand, the promoters hold that it is well to build a strong nation and point to the overwhelming post-war sport movement as evidence that Germany wants body-building.

SERBIANS PLOTTED TO KILL LENIN IN 1918, IS REPORT

LONDON, Sept. 16.—High emissaries of the Serbian government organized a plot to assassinate Lenin and Trotsky in 1918, according to the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Herald, who reports that details have been published by Stanislaw Vinavar, former Serbian military attaché at Moscow.

M. Spalajkovic, Serbian Ambassador to Moscow, picked several Serbian soldiers to kill the two Soviet leaders, according to this account. He led them to believe that Lenin and Trotsky were German agents and told them they would be doing a patriotic act. The soldiers, however, overheard a conversation which led them to believe otherwise, and they refused to have anything to do with the plot.

Several days later, reports the Herald's correspondent, Serbian officers who were implicated were arrested in Moscow and sentenced to death. Lenin himself intervened in their behalf, saved their lives and then had them deported.

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Envelope Chemise, 98c School Bloomers, \$1 Women's Stockings, 45c

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Union Suits, 2 for 98c Night Gowns, 50c Girls' Stockings, 50c

2 for Women's. Fine rib cotton suits, full cut, elastic waist, 2 to 12 years. Manufacturers' Outlet Sale, 3 for \$1.—Bargain Basement.

Night Drawers, 50c 2 Pair, 50c Women's Silk, \$4.90

2 Pair, 50c 2 Pair, 50c Umbrellas, 98c

Drawer Waists, 15c Women's Silk, \$4.90

2 for Regularly \$7.50 to \$9.00. Taffeta or twill silk, mounted on strong paragon frames, colored bakelite ring handles or military leather handles. Factory samples. Subject to slight imperfections which doesn't hurt the wearing quality. Manufacturers' Outlet Sale, \$4.90.—Bargain Basement.

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